

Next Project Literacy B.C. Meeting

April 28, 1989

VCC/KEC Campus, 5th Floor
Boardroom

1155 E. Broadway
Vancouver

9:30 am. - 12:00 pm.

(Note: new time)

Welcome to Linda Forsyth, the
new Project Literacy chair.

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Conferences

Lower Mainland Council of the International
Reading Association

Mini conference focussing on "interactive learning"

Sat. April 15, 1989

UBC - Student Union Ballroom

Cost - \$40.00 members

\$50.00 non-members

For more information call:

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Access for All Press Conference

On March 20, 1989, The Honourable
Stan Hagen, Minister of Advanced
Education and Job Training said,
"College and institute requests for new
programs to serve career, technical,
ABE and vocational students have been
approved from thirty new programs and
one thousand new student spaces in non-
university level courses will be in place
this September."

Hagen also announced that his Ministry
in cooperation with the private sector is
undertaking an intensive review of
future needs and opportunities for job-
related training in each region of the
province.

Furthermore, funds have been set aside
to respond to recommendations by the
Literacy Advisory Committee formed
last September, chaired by Paul
Gallagher. The committee will report
early next fall with recommendations
dealing with the development of a
provincial strategy for adult illiteracy.

text of a letter to the council of forest industries

Bert Hawrysh, Vice-President,
Council of Forest Industries of B.C.,
Occupational Health & Safety

Dear Mr. Hawrysh:

On behalf of the Secretary of State, Gerry Weiner, I am
pleased to announce that a grant of \$193,800 has been
awarded to your organization for a study to assess the
effects of illiteracy on saw mill operations in B.C., with
particular focus on traditional versus high technology
requirements in the industry.

I am especially pleased by the fact that the project you
are undertaking builds strong links between business
and labour. The active support of the IWA, along with
the members of your council, is an element which bodes
well for the successful implementation of the study.

Richard Dicemi

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre has bookmarks, postcards, and posters for the
reading public. These may be distributed throughout your community (libraries,
laundromats, CEIC, Rec Centres) as part of an awareness raising effort.

If you are interested in obtaining the above promotional items, please complete the
form and mail to the **Adult Literacy Contact Centre**

11091 72nd Ave.

Delta B.C. V4E 1Y4

Name: _____

Please send:

Address _____

Posters: 8x11 _____

11x17 _____

Bookmarks _____

Telephone _____

Postcards _____

Suggestions

If you have any notices for upcoming newsletters, please send information to the Contact
Centre before the last day of each month. Call Cherie Layne if you have any questions.

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The Department of the Secretary of State
has approved \$35,000 for PLBC development

Anthology of ABE Student Writing

Last fall, an Editorial Board was established to develop guidelines governing submissions for this magazine. Invitations to participate were sent to ABE instructors, and the response was overwhelming – 225 entries. Of these, sixty-eight were chosen for the magazine which will be distributed in the spring.

Literacy Study

Statistics Canada will be conducting a preliminary survey of 2,500 adults between 20 -24 years of age in April to study their literacy. By the fall, 16,000 adults will be surveyed if the pilot project is a success. This survey is part of the five year, \$110 million fight against illiteracy announced by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Encouraging News from the Department of the Secretary of State

News releases from the Department of the Secretary of State have announced cost-shared funding for literacy initiatives in the following provinces and territories.

Yukon

\$266,000/\$111,000 fed. support to co-fund community literacy leadership project.

NWT

\$500,000/\$250,000 fed. support
5 literacy projects.

Nova Scotia

\$341,500
4 literacy projects
-resource centres in 6 community college regions

-tutor training
-newsletter pilot project
-research into literacy needs of Francophones

Newfoundland

\$500,000/\$250,000 fed. support
15 literacy projects
-literacy outreach centres
-tutor training programs
-curriculum development
-research projects

Manitoba

\$912,000
-training centres
-Francophone literacy
-institutional programs aimed at inmates in correctional facilities
-frontier schools

Alberta

\$1.35 million
12 literacy projects
-projects targeted at several groups including Native people, immigrant women, literacy practitioners, workplace

Fredericton

\$1,150,000/\$500,000 fed. support
14 literacy projects
-development of literacy materials
-enhancement of resource materials
-workplace projects in fisheries & forestry
-demonstration projects for specific groups
-research & evaluation

Ontario

Funding to be announced
Joint initiatives to improve literacy services
-sole-support parents
-Francophones
-disabled

Cost-Shared Adult Literacy Projects for 1988-89

The following list of projects in B.C. have continued Federal - Provincial funding.

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre

The centre acts as a referral centre to adults seeking literacy instruction, disseminates information to the public with respect to literacy and acts as a general information clearinghouse with respect to literacy for the Province. The Lower Mainland telephone number is 594-0664. The toll free number is 1-800-663-1293. Nancy Jennings is the Coordinator.

Learner Events

Once again the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training and the Secretary of State have provided \$20,000 for learner events in B.C. Twenty-one proposals were approved by the advisory committee and will be held by late spring. Also, plans are being laid for a large provincial conference in 1990 - "Year of Literacy." If you are interested in copies of the Learner Events Schedule, call Barb Bates, Fraser Valley College, at 792-0025.

Evaluation of a Volunteer Literacy Program

A system for evaluating these programs is being developed by Audrey Thomas. The instrument is being designed to help those involved in these programs identify the strengths and weaknesses of present activities and set goals for improvement where needed.

Literacy in the Workplace

This project is being handled by Douglas College. Phase I includes the development of a generic blueprint for mounting literacy projects. Norma Kidd is doing Phase I. Phase II will be the actual operation of a program at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster.

Projects in Support of the Provincial Literacy Advisory Committee:

Needs Assessment

This project will fill out out knowledge of present literacy activity, identify gaps in service, and help

organize demographic data on literacy by community. Mary Carlisle is the project researcher.

Awareness Plan

This project will develop a master plan for raising awareness in the Province with respect to adult illiteracy. The Knowledge Network will oversee this project.

Policy Research

Richard Darville will research existing literacy policies, determine parameters for a new policy and draft such a policy for the consideration of the Committee.

Conferences

ALD Conference

The 5th annual Adult Learning Disabilities Facilitators Conference will be hosted by Douglas College on May 9 & 10. Conference topics will include assessment strategies, learning styles and developments in computer resources. Call Sheridan Ladbroke for more details (604) 520-5463.

People, Power and Participation

The 2nd annual national Adult Education Conference will be hosted by UBC May 28 -31. The focus of the conference will be exploring adult learning, social movements and skills for active citizenship. For more details call Jennifer Crawford at (604) 222-5218 or FAX (604) 222-5283.

Ohio Literacy Network

June 8 - 9; Columbus, Ohio.

For more information about the conference and how to reserve exhibit and advertising space, call Donna Martin at (513) 461-5898 or write 1500 West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43221.

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